

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas has a great wealth in its colorful heritage, including its culture, folk arts, fine art, social and political history, and its natural resources; and

WHEREAS: It is the mission of the Department of Arkansas Heritage to increase the awareness of, and appreciation for, Arkansas's vast heritage resources, and to call attention to the history and beauty of our state; and

WHEREAS: From Arkansas's territorial days to the present, preserving, protecting, and promoting our state's legacy for future generations requires commitment and dedication; and

WHEREAS: The stories, memories, artifacts, and natural history from our past create our culture and help shape the future; and

WHEREAS: The heritage heroes from yesterday and today help us remember where we've been and where we're going; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans should recognize and share their pride in our heritage with one another and with visitors to our state; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Arkansas Heritage is encouraging people to participate in the many events planned during the month of May to preserve, protect, and promote our state's heritage; and

WHEREAS: "A State of War: Arkansas Remembers World War I" serves as the theme for all Heritage Month events organized this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2017, as

ARKANSAS HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Arkansas, and I encourage all citizens to participate in a month of local and statewide activities celebrating Arkansas's distinctive heritage.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State